

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



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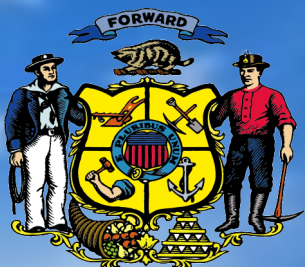


COMMUNITY ALERT

Coffee with
the SenatorThursday, July 10th
9 AM—11 AMCoffee Makes You Black
2803 N Teutonia AveCome with questions,
concerns, or just to say
hello!

Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the
legislative update. I hope you
find the information provided
here useful.As Always, I'm
Here to Serve!



WALKER AT CENTER OF "CRIMINAL SCHEME"

Recently, allegations surfaced that Governor Walker was at the center of a "criminal scheme" in which he illegally coordinated with conservative groups to raise money for his, and other conservatives, campaigns during the 2011-2012 recall elections. This isn't the first of Governor Walker's scandals in office; earlier this year an investigation into Governor Walker's time as Milwaukee County Executive yielded convictions for six of his former aides. Instead of the transparent, progressive government that Wisconsin is famous for, Governor Walker has created a culture of shady politics in which our basic rights are traded for election victories. Governor Walker should be working to lower unemployment and ensure that our citizens have access to basic necessities like healthcare, instead he has been fighting to ensure that the wealthy are given tax breaks and that those who disagree with him do not vote. We must fight to reinstate the values of freedom, liberty and democracy in our state!



Source: conservativeintel.com

50 YEARS SINCE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT



Source: aspenprojectplay.org

The Civil Rights Act was enacted on July 2, 1964 making this year the 50th anniversary of the landmark act that helped usher in a new era in our country. This act could not have gone into affect without the tremendous bipartisanship effort by both the House and Senate. As we reflect on the progress we have made in the past 50 years in Civil Rights we must recognize the areas in which we have digressed. Instead of mirroring the strong bipartisan efforts that took place 50 years ago we are now a country divided in our legislative procedures. This staggering bipolarization is preventing our once progressive nation from moving forward. We must once again discuss issues with each other as colleagues, not as enemies and continue our involvement in politics. Let's honor the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act by remembering and improving the bipartisanship and exerting our most valuable right.



Save the Date!

National Night Out

August 5th

**Lincoln Park Aquatic Center
1301 W. Hampton Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53209**

**Stay tuned for more
information!**

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IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH VOTE

We're told at a young age to "get out and vote" but why? Promoting civic duty at a young age is habit forming; and by encouraging our youth to be involved politically, it ensures that they'll be politically involved later in life. In addition, our youth must understand that by voting, they look to shape the country that they will one day inherit. According to the Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning and Engagement young individuals aged 18-29 represent 29% of the voting population, a substantial portion of the electorate who can have a major influence on elections and issues. In the coming years, issues regarding same-sex marriage, budget reformation, and campaign finance can all be directly affected by young voters. As the tides of time change the political landscape, the youth vote will lead progressive movements on contemporary issues.



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REIMAGINING YOUTH SPORTS



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The Aspen Institute's Project Play has been picking up speed in recent months as top athletes and leaders have joined the conversation about how to get our kids up and active. Most recently, Kobe Bryant and President Bill Clinton joined forces to discuss youth athletics during a town hall broadcast on ESPN. Project Play has been working since 2013 to reimagine youth sports in America and ultimately get more children involved and active. Only 3 in 10 children between the ages of 6 and 17 play sports on a regular basis. The current atmosphere surrounding youth sports is highly competitive, often focusing on winning rather than skill building, which places barriers in the way of children who face socioeconomic or physical disadvantages. Additionally, as recesses, physical education, and intramurals continue to lose support, we see our children suffer from a lack of key physical activity. One-third of our children today are considered overweight. Through initiatives like Project Play, we can create a culture of health and wellness through inclusive youth sports.

Wise Words of the Week!

Contact Us!

**We Enjoy
Hearing
From You!**

"There are no problems we cannot solve together, and very few that we can solve by ourselves"

-President Lyndon B. Johnson

